

# Develop Israel with Israel Bonds

## Marginal Column By RENE LAQUEUR

THE appointment of ten new Soviet marshals (and one chief marshal, over the week-end) has been a routine promotion to which no undue political importance should be attributed. More interesting, however, is the fact that the Soviet Union has been able to win the credit of the World War II victories which has been going on now for several months. Under Stalin the official version was that the G.K.O. (the State Defense Council) (an inner war cabinet) headed by Stalin made all the important decisions during the war. As it happened, both Malenkov and Beria belonged to this body, but not Khrushchev, and it was therefore perhaps not entirely fortuitous that this institution has been played down for some time now. Instead, the part of the "political generals" who were chief commanders at the main fronts has been stressed. They were Khrushchev, Bulganin, Zhukov, and so on. It is not surprising that in a novel "Friendship", by one of the literary front-men, in many speeches of Ukrainian party leaders and in a mass of articles.

THIS new line reached its summit with the anniversary of the battle of Stalingrad last February 2. Hitler it had always been thought that the delegate of the Politburo to the Stalingrad front in 1942, but on the occasion of the last anniversary what was not mentioned. Khrushchev was now described as the leading political commissar on the Stalingrad front to whom the main credit was due. So far so good. But a few days later, Marshal Zhukov, in an interview with American journalists, laid the blame for the Stalingrad front to the Stalingrad front without mentioning the political commissar. And on February 20, "Pravda" editorial of February 2 (a 20 day delay!) the only sentences which were cut out were those dealing with Khrushchev's prominent part in the Stalingrad battle. The situation now is that Khrushchev, Mr. Molotov, too, appears to have suffered an unprecedented rebuff by the Politburo last week, having been virtually forced to retract what he said about Tito in his programmatic speech last month.

MEANWHILE Khrushchev has undoubtedly lost much of his prestige (including those in the West) who expected after the recent session of the Supreme Soviet and Molotov's speech that the squeeze would again be put on the kolхоз and that the trend towards super-collectivism in Soviet agriculture would be renewed. Such a view tended greatly to underestimate the resourcefulness of an old Bolshevik leader. It is quite likely that Khrushchev's stock in 1953/1 for the merging of the kolхозes and tighter state control in general. But he realized after a few months that this move was not successful, at least not in terms of agricultural production. He did not persevere in an obviously mistaken course but drew the natural conclusions. These are, in a nut-shell, that the adoption of industrial methods in agriculture will only lead to a further drop in production, and that the natural conclusion is that the agricultural production can either be increased by an expansion of acreage or through raising the yield per acre. The latter is the only way to an increase in agricultural production in raising the yield per acre. This can only be achieved by a relaxation of the kolхоз system and the abolition of the old form of central planning which did not take into consideration local conditions. It is no mere coincidence that with these reforms A. Andreyev, the protagonist of more individual methods of work in agriculture, excluded from the Politburo in 1950, has returned to a political comeback. The new system of greater incentives is not without its dangers. The peasants will accumulate cash, as they did during the last war, and there will be strong temptation to use it for private enterprise, which, as past experience shows, can only be met by drastic measures. Jerusalem, March 11.

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## Saphir Says Drop In Accidents Due To Safety Drive

The traffic safety campaign inaugurated a few months ago has had considerable effect and a definite improvement has taken place, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Joseph Saphir, said last night in the Knesset in the course of his discussion of the Ministry's budget estimates for the coming fiscal year. A comprehensive accident prevention programme now being worked out jointly by the Ministries of Police, Justice, and Labour was nearing completion and would be put into effect during the coming year. The report of the public committee headed by Rev. Aluf Mordecai Maklef, appointed in November to study the problem of road crossings had already been submitted and would be made public within the next few days, Mr. Saphir announced. In the light of the recommendations of the committee, the Ministry would be allocating for the erection of additional barriers and crossing signals so that by the end of the year 40 of the 48 level crossings listed in the committee's report would be protected.

Although railway freight charges were from 25 to 30 per cent lower than road haulage charges, the Ministerial Economic Committee had decided that there should be no increase this year. Passenger rates, on the other hand, would have to be lower than bus fares. In the last six years rail fares had increased by 75 to 100 per cent, while bus fares, higher to begin with, had increased by 100 to 120 per cent.

With the acquisition of 200 to 250 new buses in the coming year it would be possible for the Ministry to enforce a number of regulations, including one limiting the number of standing passengers, which was now disregarded. The discontinuation of some unprofitable railway lines was being considered, the Minister revealed. The Haifa-Akko line lost about IL 2,000 a month. But even unprofitable lines had their uses: they served as a yardstick and had a direct effect on bus fares.

A special committee had been appointed to consider the diversion of carriages from Haifa to the Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports in order to cut down on overland transport costs for the Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports. The proposed budget called for a reduction in the Ministry's staff by 253. New railway equipment would be ordered to replace worn-out equipment. The Ministry would operate with 200 employees fewer, and efforts were being made to find other employment for men rendered redundant.

Mr. M. Bentov (Mapam) declared that the Government was not doing enough for the encouragement of agriculture. In former years, the Jewish Agency had recognized the importance of credit for farmers and had granted long-term loans at low rates of interest, but today the Treasury, tended to treat agriculture as a "milk-cow". He urged that less money be allocated to agricultural schools and more to schools in the settlements themselves. A good proportion of graduates in agriculture had been lost to the army, and the Government should encourage them to return to the land. The Treasury, he claimed, had recognized the importance of credit for farmers and had granted long-term loans at low rates of interest, but today the Treasury, tended to treat agriculture as a "milk-cow".

Miss E. Wilensky (Communist) asserted that the town-to-village plan was not the solution for unemployment, since there were more unemployed in villages than in towns.

## C-o-I Index Stable For Fourth Month

For the fourth successive month there has been no change in the cost-of-living index, which remained at 228 in February. Since September 1951, the base month, the index had not remained steady for more than two months. Once there was a drop in the index — in June 1954, when there was a four-point decline. Slight increases in February in the prices of vegetables (tomatoes, beans and cauliflower), furniture, and household utensils were compensated by reductions in clothing and footwear prices, owing to sales. The index was 227 last September and October, and 228 in August.

TARANTO, Italy, Monday (UP). — Twenty-four seamen were drowned in a double disaster when a Greek trawler sank off southern Italy and a British lifeboat capsized while pulling survivors from the sea. The Greek trawler, carrying a crew of 20, sank late last night. The British lifeboat, carrying 24 seamen, was picked up by her distress call.

## Churchill Reveals Bid For Anglo-Soviet Talks

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — Sir Winston Churchill disclosed in the Commons today that he had called the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, last July, asking him his views about meeting him in a neutral city.

## 7 Incidents During Past Three Days

The Army spokesman yesterday reported seven incidents along Golan borders in the last three days. Settlements close to the Golan Strip have imposed blackouts at night in view of the danger of rocket attacks. Many border settlements had done the same a long time before the Golan clash. Members of Knesset's settlement committee, who were in Israel territory in the vicinity of Wadi Salim yesterday afternoon, when settlers approached the Golan, they withdrew into Egyptian territory.

A vehicle of the Public Works Department ran over a mine north of Haifa, near yesterday. The vehicle was damaged, but no one was hurt. Tracks led to the Jordan border. Israel has lodged a complaint with the Jordanian Ministry of Defense and has demanded an emergency meeting.

Shots were fired from Jordan territory into Israel territory, who were in Beit Safafa village, southern Jerusalem yesterday morning. No one was hit. Israel has submitted a complaint on the incident to the Israel-Jordan MAC.

**Infiltrator Wounded**  
On Sunday morning, an Israeli patrol encountered two Egyptian infiltrators who had entered into Israel territory in the Nirim area. The patrol opened fire and one of the infiltrators was wounded. The infiltrator was taken to a hospital and is now recovering. The other infiltrator escaped. The incident occurred on the afternoon of the same day, fled to the Golan Strip where an Israeli patrol opened fire. Infiltrators preparing to enter Israel territory from the Tel Rameh settlement in the Western Negev on Sunday night, fled to the Golan Strip where an Israeli patrol opened fire, leaving their lot behind.

The Jordanian infiltrators who had entered Israel territory, further along the rough road to a self-contained chemical and mining industry, said Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Development, in the Knesset yesterday, on the resumption of the Budget debate. He reaffirmed his faith in the future of these industries as dollar savers and earners, although there had been no startling success over the first year of the Ministry's work. There was no way of hurrying up the preliminary work required on each of the projects, but a number of foreign experts have been engaged to advise on processes.

## Russian Shoots Way Into British Embassy

MOSCOW, Monday (UP). — A well-dressed young Soviet citizen shot his way into the British Embassy last night and wounded a Moscow militiaman before being disarmed by British soldiers. The man, who was turned over to reinforced Soviet police. British officials said the Russian pulled a gun and opened fire when two Soviet militiamen tried to prevent him from sprinting into the Embassy courtyard. One of the militiamen was wounded in the chest. The gunman dashed into the Embassy building past a surprised British Embassy staff. Some sources said they believed the 25-year-old man, whose name was not disclosed, may have been mentally unbalanced. The incident was not considered significant politically. The British Ambassador and Lady William Hayter were in the country. Their Russian maid, hearing a noise and thinking it was the Hayters returning, entered the dining room where the gun man spoke to her rapidly and incoherently in Russian. A few minutes later the Third Secretary, Mr. John Morgan, and the Embassy guard, Mr. Thomas Gray, bounded upstairs and found the Russian shooting at the dining room entrance. The man offered no resistance when they disarmed him.

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## Sweden Protests Czech, Rumanian Spying Activities

STOCKHOLM, Monday (Reuters). — The Swedish Foreign Ministry has protested to the Czechoslovak and Rumanian Legations here against the espionage activities allegedly carried out by their staffs. It was announced today. The Ministry said it had decided three members of the Czechoslovak Legation and one member of the Rumanian Legation staff persons now residing in Sweden must leave the country, and the Rumanian, who is at present outside Sweden, must not return. The Swedish police, meanwhile, disclosed that a series of "unnecessarily long" newspaper advertisements had put them on the track of the Communist spy ring. The advertisements, which were furnished by the Czechoslovak Legation, were for a long time.

## Eskhol Welcomes Bonds, UJA Joining Hands

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Mr. Levi Eskhol, Minister of Finance, who returned by Air France from the U.S. last night, said today that the Jewish National Fund (JNF) and the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) had joined hands in a common effort to raise money for the Jewish people in Israel. Mr. Eskhol said that the JNF and the UJA had decided to combine their efforts to raise money for the Jewish people in Israel. He said that the JNF and the UJA had decided to combine their efforts to raise money for the Jewish people in Israel.

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Speaking on the current position, Dr. Joseph announced the following points: Only at Masada, near the Dead Sea, has a self-contained chemical and mining industry been found. Other drillings have produced small quantities of gas mixed with water, or carbonaceous matter that may be derived from oil or from other organic deposits. The single bore-hole made at Masada has failed to yield a commercially-useful flow of oil, but the reasons for this failure are known.

After several years of study, it has been decided to start a self-contained chemical and mining industry at Tinnah, in the Negev, which will produce about 4,000 tons of metal a year. Preliminary work will begin next month, and the first consignment of crude copper is expected to be ready two years from now. The Negev has a large deposit of copper, containing about 75 per cent of metal will be produced, and sent abroad for electrolytic refining. It is estimated that the entire deposit will be mined in the first two years of production.

The extension of the Potash Works to produce 130,000 tons of potash annually, or two-and-a-half times as much as before, with an earning capacity of \$4m. Production of bromine will start at about this year, in cooperation with a foreign company. The extraction of magnesium from the Dead Sea and the profitable disposal of the enormous quantities of common salt obtained as by-product of the potash process are being studied now; both could be utilized once a railway to connect them with the port of Haifa.

The sulphuric acid plant of Fertilizers and Chemicals, a government enterprise, has been operating successfully for a year, supplying local requirements (40,000 tons). The superphosphate industry, producing 40,000 tons for export. The superphosphate plant is producing 130,000 tons of fertilizer per year, in place of an estimated 100,000 tons. Local requirements are covered, and a trial shipment has been made to Cyprus. Three new departments of Fertilizers and Chemicals will start operating next month, namely those making potassium sulphate, calcium sulphate, and ammonium nitrate. Later this year, ammonium nitrate, synthetic ammonium, ammonium sulphate and nitrate will also be made. By that time, the chemical works will employ 750 workers.

Israel's handle is of good quality, and will be excellent for ridding it of traces of iron which it contains. In addition, clay suitable for making ware.

## Britain 'Working Hard' To Solve Mid-East Problems

### Stevenson 'Clarifies' Britain's Stand

CAIRO, Monday (Reuters). — The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ralph Stevenson, today met with the Egyptian Premier, Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser. A British spokesman said the Ambassador brought to the Premier "certain clarifications" to points raised in a general talk they had on March 4. They are believed to have discussed the implementation of the Suez agreement, the Turco-Iraqi Pact and the Golan incident. The Egyptian Minister of Propaganda, Major Salah Salem, told a party of visiting American newsmen today that the only way of lessening the tension in the Middle East was for Israel to implement the U.N. resolutions on Palestine. Salem also stated that Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria regarded with suspicion the Turco-Iraqi Pact, because they feared it might destroy Arab unity. Arab opinion was traditionally suspicious of Western motives and could not accept at this stage any alliance with the West. Turkey was regarded as a Western power in view of her support for Israel.

## Syrian Delay In Freeing 4 Protested

JERUSALEM, Monday. — A Syrian delay in releasing the four Israeli soldiers being held in a Damascus jail was today made to Colonel Castangue, Chairman of the Mixed Israeli-Syrian Mixed Arbitration Commission by Sgan-Aluf Arie Shalev, at an emergency meeting here. Colonel Castangue was also asked to inform the Syrian authorities that Israel would no longer tolerate Syrian lawlessness on the Golan Heights. He promised to try to get the Israel protest to Syria and suggested an emergency meeting to be held in the next few days.

## Committee Tries J'lem Mediation

A decision to make a final effort at mediation in the Jerusalem Municipal Council dispute between the former coalition parties — the religious parties, the General Zionists and Herut — was taken yesterday by the Ministerial Committee. The committee, which was set up by the Cabinet on Sunday, was to be conducted by Mr. I. Rokach, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Sgan-Aluf Arie Shalev, Minister of Social Welfare, and if it is not successful by Wednesday, the Committee is to meet to discuss further steps. It is believed that an emergency coalition embracing all parties on the Council may be proposed, but there is little likelihood of this being accepted. It is also possible for the Committee to recommend that the Municipal Council be dissolved and a Commission appointed to carry on until the elections, scheduled for July.

It is believed that the General Zionist Councilors are prepared to compromise and it is possible that the current crisis may be averted by an official of the Ministry of the Interior.

## FORMOSA CLAIMS THREE CHINESE GUNBOATS SUNK

TAIPEI, Monday. — The Nationalist Air Force announced today that it had destroyed three Chinese gunboats and seven armed junk boats early today. A communiqué said the vessels were hit in a sudden attack by Nationalist bombers against a fleet of Chinese gunboats and seven armed junk boats early today. A communiqué said the vessels were hit in a sudden attack by Nationalist bombers against a fleet of Chinese gunboats and seven armed junk boats early today.

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## Eden Leaving For Turkey Tomorrow

LONDON, Monday (UP). — The Foreign Office announced today that Sir Anthony Eden will leave on Wednesday for a three-day official visit to Turkey. He will be accompanied by two of his top advisers — Sir Harold Caccia and Mr. G.J. Ward, Deputy Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, and other officials. The visit was arranged for April, 1953, but Sir Anthony's illness prevented him from going at that time.

## Syrian-Iraqi Talks Open in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Monday (Reuters). — A Syrian delegation, headed by Foreign Minister, Khaleel al Assem, met the Iraqi authorities today for what was officially stated to be a preparatory talk and an exchange of information. The Iraqi team was headed by the Deputy Premier, Ahmed Mukhtar Bostan, who has contended the way of lessening the tension in the Middle East was for Israel to implement the U.N. resolutions on Palestine.

According to NEARBS at Assem brought with him a three-point plan calling for the retention of the present Arab Collective Security Pact; the maintenance of economic agreements between the two Arab blocs in spite of the two sets of pacts and military coordination between the two treaty networks in case of emergency. The Iraqi special envoy, Fadhel al Jamali, who has contended the mission to Beirut, returned to Baghdad together with the Syrian delegation.

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## Altering Demarcation Line Included

LONDON, Monday. — Minister of State Anthony Eden told Parliament today Britain was "working hard" to solve Middle East problems. I-2 that their efforts were not helped by the incidents in the Golan Strip. Mr. Eden was asked whether Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden discussed Arab-Israeli relations when he visited the Egyptian Premier, Abdel Nasser, in Cairo last month. "The Foreign Secretary's talk with the Prime Minister of Egypt of February 26 covered the whole range of Anglo-Egyptian relations and the Arab-Israeli problems, including the Arab-Israeli dispute," Mr. Eden replied. Asked if Government had made any definite proposals to alter the demarcation line in the area where it was "obviously arbitrary and impractical," Mr. Eden replied that as the Foreign Secretary had said on March 4, the Foreign Office was working hard on this problem, and the demarcation aspect does come well within our consideration.

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**FOR RECKLESS driving** and speeding, Yehoshua Amikam, of E. Anna St., Tel Aviv, was fined yesterday. He was driving a 1930 Buick and had his driving licence suspended for six months by the District Court, Judge Y. Ben-David. The fine was 10,000 and the licence suspended for six months. The court heard that the car was driving at 21 miles per hour on a road where the limit was 10 miles per hour.

**Productivity Units in Tel Aviv, Jaffa Ports**  
TEL AVIV, Monday.—Joint productivity units in Tel Aviv and Jaffa have been set up in the ports of Tel Aviv and Jaffa after agreements were signed with the management of Tel Aviv harbour on Friday and Jaffa harbour on Saturday.

Each of the committees will have six members, three each representing the workers and the management. The agreement was signed on behalf of the workers by a representative of the port workers' committees and the Local Labour Council.

**Haifa Port Workers To Get Increases**  
HAIFA, Monday.—About 300 of the Haifa Port Authority today brought their wives the good news that their wages were to be increased. The increase was 10 per cent for the workers and 5 per cent for the clerical staff.

The long fight for the wage adjustment succeeded after a determined strike threat. Those benefiting are mainly the technical and manual employees; only a few clerks are affected. Details of the increases are to be published later this week.

**MINISTER ATTACKS TWO EDUCATION**  
The Minister of Education, Professor E. Diner, yesterday voiced his "extreme" disapproval of the tendency to form two educational standards: a lower level for immigrant children, and a higher for the settled community. He was speaking at a meeting of the Advisory Council on Education, which met to review its debate on the new syllabus for all State elementary schools. The last session was held two months ago.

Several speakers considered that additional instruction in religious subjects should be given, while others demanded a special curriculum for children in settlements.

**BEERSHEVA GETTING TWO LIBRARIES**  
BEERSHEVA, Monday.—A 3,000-book library of the U.S. Information Centre "to be opened here in about six weeks," Dr. T. H. McGraw, Cultural Attache of the U.S. Embassy, accompanied by Mr. J. W. Bennett, Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy, and Mrs. O. Switzer, chief of the Tel Aviv USIB library, visited here today in connection with the project.

The library will be housed in the same building as the new municipal library which will contain about 20,000 books in many languages including Hebrew and English that Mr. Tuvyahu brought back with him recently from the U.S.

**Limited Electric Cuts Till Mid-April**  
HAIFA, Monday.—Local and limited electricity cuts may be expected until mid-April (not by mid-April as erroneously reported from Tel Aviv yesterday) because of the need to overhaul the equipment of the Palestine Electric Company's substation with the earlier-than-usual demand for power by farmers irrigating their crops. By mid-April, the annual overhaul will be completed and the P.E.C. will then be able to satisfy the full power demand without any cuts, the Company spokesman said here today.

**Britannia Airliner Beats Comet's Flight**  
JOHANNESBURG, Monday (UPI).—The 104-passenger Britannia airliner flew here from Britain yesterday one minute faster than the best time posted by the Comet. The flight took 17 hours and 34 minutes flying time, plus one hour and 20 minutes for refueling at Khartoum.

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## Lawyers' Strike Hits Lower Courts

The Supreme Court is to hear all the cases that are to be heard in the District Courts throughout the country. In Jerusalem, one criminal case was heard in the absence of the State Prosecutor's representative, but judgment was postponed until the prosecution appeared.

In the Tel Aviv District Court, three cases were postponed but two judges chose to carry on despite the State Attorney's absence.

Lower courts were the various Magistrates' Courts where the prosecution is generally handled not by attorneys but by police prosecutors. In Tel Aviv, a number of criminal and civil cases were postponed.

Justice Y. Eisenberg, Director of Courts Administration, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the cases postponed were not taken precedence over those which were to be heard following the strike, but would in turn be postponed until the court calendar is free.

**Professionals Form Wages Committee**  
A coordinating committee has been established to maintain a liaison between the various professional organizations (Bar Association, State-employed attorneys, University scientific workers, Dental Association, etc.), and the work for the establishment of a wage unified policy for professionals and for administrative workers in responsible positions.

**10,050 Without Work Last Week**  
The daily average of unemployed was 10,050 in the week ending March 4, a decrease of 700 from the previous week. It was announced yesterday of this number, 7,021 were unskilled workers, 2,027 women.

The centres of joblessness were Haifa, 1,477; Tel Aviv, 1,372; Jerusalem, 872; Ramat Gan, 700; Petah Tikva, 680; Beersheva, 600.

The principal reasons for the decline were officially reported to be the intensification of citrus picking and the work now being done in preparation for the summer agricultural season.

A shortage of working hands exists in all centres of the South, from Beersheva to Beit Dagan. It was stated at the Labour Exchange Head Office in Rehovot yesterday.

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## Government More Efficient Despite Defects, Says Controller

HAIFA, Monday.—Administrative efficiency of government has generally improved in recent years, although its defects had not diminished in number nor declined in gravity, Dr. S. Moses, State Controller, said here last night. He was speaking under the auspices of the Technion and the Haifa Branch of the Social Science Association.

The Controller had been faced with the problem of what authority should be accorded to the Controller, Dr. Moses said. It had wisely been decided to grant him only the right of audit of administrative action. Pre-audit would have thrown upon the Controller undue responsibility and an excessive burden, which in practical evaluation would have defeated its object, he said. However, the law was so framed that he was allowed a fair measure of discretion.

Under present conditions of efficiency and proper organization of the Government machinery were of paramount importance. In the law, efficiency was only one of eight headings, but in actuality it now deserved priority.

Control methods were becoming more subtle and while it had first been held that improvements could be achieved only by experts in administration, it was now agreed that the sum total of small defects, remediable by officials themselves, carried much weight.

Efforts at improvement, particularly through work simplification, were now being made by giving proper guidance and training to officials concerned. As an example of such progress, Dr. Moses cited the much improved presentation of the budget proposals to the Knesset, a matter that had long been a matter of concern to the Controller.

Turning to improvements depending on widening the scope of the law, Dr. Moses dwelt on the need for placing on Government officials financial responsibility for damage caused by their acts, especially if gross negligence was involved. Railways administration, for instance, had declined to hold its employees responsible, and a law was needed to regularize the matter.

A code of ethics was also needed, laying down what was and what was not permissible to Government officials. Referring to the attitude of Government officials towards the Controller and his staff, Dr. Moses said that it was simply non-existent. The Civil Service Union has not yet made any contribution towards the promotion of integrity in administration. The relations with departments were, however, amicable, prompting a member of the Knesset Finance Committee to ask whether the friendly approach was becoming too friendly with the wolf.

He himself did not like this "American" comparison, as he considered the friendly approach to be definitely showing positive results. In Britain, the relations were most informal and lacked the basis of even a written law.

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guaranteeing of security in Europe.

Sir Winston answered he had not changed from his original project. But the unexpected reply of Mr. Molotov, who had proposed at this juncture created a new situation "since it would not have been possible to have a large formal international conference on the subject at the same time as the unofficial two-power top level meeting which I had suggested."

Sir Winston was speaking in a debate in the Commons on an Opposition motion censuring the Government for delay in calling top-level talks with Russia. He said the Opposition motion called only for a Big Power conference, and agreed there should be no question of indefinite delay in getting the Russians to the table. The French Council of State was meeting on March 25 on the ratification of the London and Paris agreements on West German rearmament and with this pending, "I should not have thought it possible to conceive a worse time than the present for us to pass a resolution for an immediate effort to promote a three-power conference."

"Earnestly as I desire the peaceful arrangements for co-existence with Russia, I regard it as an act of insanity to drive the German people into the hands of the Kremlin and thus into Communist tyranny, the destinies of mankind," Sir Winston said.

The former Labour Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, asked Mr. Sir Winston would make it clear whether up to this point he had been proposing a three-power meeting. Sir Winston replied that he was proposing a two-power meeting with the Soviet leaders. He added: "I had it in mind to tell the Soviets that if they wanted to bring the U.S. along they would have to make some change in their general attitude, and I would have suggested the signature of the treaty with Austria and also their joining the proposal which was made about this time into Communist tyranny, the destinies of mankind."

"Nothing more came of it. I never had the opportunity though I am glad to say that there is an understanding between the U.S. and Russia about the use of civil atomic power."

After stressing that Russia's unexpected revival of the Berlin proposals on Germany's future had created a new situation, Sir Winston gave his reasons for not pursuing his idea of an unofficial two-power top level meeting at the present time.

"I think I was the first to point out that Germany must join the European family and the first to state in this house that there was no possibility of an armistice against Soviet Russia without a German army."

The Labour Party leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, opening his debate, earlier suggested that Sir Winston might be miscalculating in estimating that it would be three or four years before Russia had hydrogen bomb equality with the West.

**THE FOUNDATION-STONE of the Peace Treaty** was laid today at 11 o'clock.

**BETAR BOXERS DUE IN CYPRUS MARCH 23**  
Nicosia, Monday.—The 12th boxing team is expected here on March 23 for three days of bouts. They will be on March 23 at Paphos, April 1 at Limassol and April 4 at Nicosia.

**Haired Haxioni Settlers Come from N. Africa**  
HAIFA, Monday.—Over 200 newcomers, the majority North Africans members of Haired Haxioni (Progressive Party), disembarked from the s.s. Golden Isles this morning and left at once for Masnaah in the Negev, an agricultural training camp recently established and maintained by this organization.

It is believed that the newcomers will eventually be given plots of land in the Lodish area.

Sixteen of the arrivals joined kibbutzim or relatives.

The s.s. Golden Isles will call again on March 23 with about 200 immigrants.

**Smugglers' Huddle**  
Jerusalem Post Bureau  
HAIFA, Monday.—An unduly long and hearty embrace between a son who had just returned in the s.s. Golden Isles and his mother who came to meet him at the Port, aroused the suspicions of a customs officer this morning.

Searched at the police station, the mother was found to be wearing under her overcoat a cloth belt lined with jewellery and gold watches of an estimated value of IL2,000. Mother and son were detained.

**Three Men to Study Glider Pilot's Death**  
The Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir, has appointed a three-man committee to investigate the circumstances of the air crash on Saturday, when a Cessna and a glider, both of the Israel Aero Club, collided over the Natsana highway, resulting in the death of the glider pilot, Ze'ev Zohar.

The committee consists of Messrs. Yitzhak Mintz, Legal Adviser to the Communications Ministry; Menahem Ben-Zion, representing the Air Force, and Pinhas Ben-Porat, an IAI instructor.

**Sand Storms Come With Short Sharav**  
TEL AVIV, Monday.—The "loopy-turvy" weather, which is doing everything but produce the substantial rain so urgently needed continued today. The fourth shower to hit the country proved of short duration and broke up this afternoon.

It was followed by a sharp drop in temperature (the Lydda Airport 3 p.m. figure was 28° C. and at 10 p.m. 18° C.) and slight rain in several places. Shower conditions were forecast for tomorrow.

Temperatures soared again this morning and at 11 a.m. the thermometer at the Kirya registered 27° C. compared with 18° C. the same hour yesterday. The humidity of 19 per cent was again unusually low for Tel Aviv, being 40 per cent below normal at that time on Sunday.

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**WEALTH**—Siamese police plan to investigate Government officials who have more than one wife. They have been wondering how any official could afford more than one wife unless he had supplemented his salary through corruption.

**FIRES**—A vast forest fire in Georgia, U.S., was brought under control yesterday after it had destroyed between 10,000 and 15,000 acres of woodland. A fire in Northern Florida was still out of control, having burned 25,000 acres since March 10. It was advancing on a 20-km. front.

**RAILS**—French, Spanish, German, Serb and English speaking interpreters will travel on all Italian international express trains during the tourist season.

**NAZI VICTIMS GETTING \$10M. THIS YEAR**  
NEW YORK, Monday (INA).—The Conference of Jewish Material Claims against Germany has announced that \$10m. have been allocated for this year on behalf of victims of Nazi persecutions throughout the world. The bulk of the allocation is slated for the relief and rehabilitation of indigent, sick, or disabled Nazi victims. The allocations were made to more than 60 Jewish organizations in 19 countries, and will affect 80,000 former victims of the Nazis.

**HUNGER STRIKE STARTS TODAY**  
TEL AVIV, Monday.—Mr. Moshe Barak, an attorney of Elia Hod, is to begin a fast tomorrow in protest against the existing marriage laws. He was brought under the newly-formed Public Committee for Civil Marriage. The fast will take place at the Gafit hotel here in the presence of a doctor.

Mr. Barak is unable to marry a Yugoslav woman because of the present law.

**T. A. GIRL WINS PLACE IN OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE**  
TEL AVIV, Monday.—Miss Hana Lourie, a graduate of the Municipal Secondary School here, has been awarded an honours scholarship to Somerville College, Oxford, as well as a major scholarship to Newnham College, Cambridge, according to information received here. Miss Lourie is the daughter of Mr. Norman and Mrs. Nadia Lourie.

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